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Explosia Munitions Plant, Sementin

1. The Explosia munitions plant at Sementin, Bohemia, is scheduled to advance its rate of production in the course of the new year, 1950. When operating under German direction during World War II, the plant employed some 4,500 workers; at present some 6,500 are employed.
2. The Acidessil division of the Sementin plant was originally equipped with 20 vats for the blending of nitrates. Currently, however, some 36 double-capacity vats are being installed.
3. Since 1947 the nitroglycerine in Division A has been produced by the English (sic) Schmiedl method. The introduction of this method has brought about a seven-fold increase in production capacity.

Pharmaceutical Plant at Rybitev

4. The chemical plant at Rybitev, near Pardubice, is engaged in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals for the army. The medicaments are packed in special metal containers and shipped to military depots.

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